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In re Application of

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Serial No.

10/009,145

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Title

High Throughput Crystallization Screening Workstation

and Method of Use

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Examiner

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Docket No.

PU3657USw

Box Issue Fee Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF CALCULATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT

Sir:

This Request for Reconsideration is submitted concurrently with the payment of the Issue Fee in the above-referenced application in response to the Patent Term Adjustment calculation provided in the Notice of Allowance mailed July 26, 2005.

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REMARKS

In the Notice of Allowance mailed on July 16, 2005, the Patent Office stated that the Patent Term Extension (PTE) for the present application is 0 days. From the heading of this PTE paper, it appears that the Patent Office determined PTE under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b) for an application filed after June 7, 1995 but prior to May 29, 2000. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the determination of PTE because the present application was filed after May 29, 2000, and accordingly is entitled to PTE as described in M.P.E.P. § 2730. Applicants enclose herewith a copy of the 'Notice of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495" mailed February 1, 2002 in the present application, which states that the date of receipt of all 35 U.S.C. requirements is November 8, 2001.

Applicants believe that they are entitled to PTE, which is preliminarily determined as follows:

Date	Action	PTO (days)	Applicant (days)
11-8-2001	Filing Date		
1-8-2003	Filing Date + 14 months		
6-3-2004	1st Action (Restriction Req't) mailed	512	
8-3-2004	Response to 1 st Action		31
9-24-2004	2 nd Action (non-final rejection) mailed		-
3-29-2005	Response to 2 nd Action		95
Preliminary Determination of PTE		386	

As shown above, Applicants calculate that any patent to issue from the above-identified application is entitled to at least 386 days of PTE. Applicants note that any patent to issue from the above-identified application will issue more than 3 years after the filing date of the application, to wit after November 8, 2004. Accordingly, under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(B), Applicants should be entitled to additional PTE above and beyond the 386 days calculated above, with the amount of this additional PTE dependent upon the actual issue date of the patent.

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For the reasons described above, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration of the Patent Term Extension under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b) for the present application.

Applicants encourage the Examiner to direct any questions regarding this request for reconsideration to the undersigned, who may be contacted at (919) 483-9024.

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